

House Resolution No. 135

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge a milestone achievement in the history of one of the Show-Me State's finest school marching bands, the Diamond High School Wildcat Pride Marching Band; and

Whereas, composed of seventy-two students and led by Director Rob Lundien, the Diamond Marching Band played with thirteen other bands at the 2004 Liberty Bowl Halftime Show in Memphis, Tennessee, to serve as a back up to legendary Memphis songwriter David Porter who performed his rendition of the song "Soul Man"; and

Whereas, Diamond Marching Band competed in the Class A division against nine similar-sized bands to take home trophies for Best Marching, Best Music, and Best Flags; and

Whereas, the Wildcat Pride Marching Band capped its achievements at the Liberty Bowl by capturing First Place in the over-all performance category; and

Whereas, in addition to its sixty-nine regular members from grades eight through twelve, the Diamond Marching Band utilized the skills of three Diamond High School graduates from the class of 2003; and

Whereas, one of the youngest bands to perform in Memphis, the Diamond Marching Band had a contingent of eighth-graders who made up half of its total roster and who greatly outnumbered graduating seniors Dezi Powers, Renee Forest, Erica Welch, Krystle Allen, and Robin Bullis; and

Whereas, the Wildcat Pride Marching Band members learned of their impressive achievement at a suspenseful awards banquet where the emcee announced all of the bands which performed but did not place, followed by the Third and Second Place finishers before the process of elimination left only the Diamond students to rush the stage in joyful disbelief:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered by the Diamond High School Marching Band during the past year of performances and competitions and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for their First Place finish during the Liberty Bowl Parade and Halftime Show in Memphis, Tennessee; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the 2003-2004 Diamond High School Wildcat Pride Marching Band.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 135, adopted January 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker